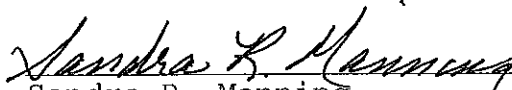


SUBJECT: National Weather Service
Renaming Hydrometeorological Prediction Center

TO: Office of the Under Secretary
Staff Offices of the Under Secretary
Administrative Delivery Points

Effective March 3, 2013 the organization Hydrometeorological Prediction Center (HPC) will be renamed as the Weather Prediction Center (WPC). The intent of the name change is to be responsive to the requests from key partners, the media, the public, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Public Affairs, and the staff of the National Weather Service (NWS). The name change will improve the understanding to the public.

The renaming of HPC to WPC will be accomplished within existing resources and will be cost neutral to the NWS and NOAA. All employees will retain their current positions. There is no change in number of Full Time Equivalency (FTE) and no reprogramming of dollars is necessary.


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Date